

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 15, pages 5—6, as follows:

[0015] At least a portion of the inventory management system 20' also resides on a computing device at the vehicle dealer. This portion of the inventory management system 20' is used by a dealer to manage ~~their~~ its local part inventory. A dealer inventory database 22' and a part sales database 24' are provided for storing part inventory information and part sales information, respectively, for that particular dealer. The part inventory information and part sales information for a given dealer is periodically uploaded (e.g., on a weekly or nightly basis) to the corresponding centralized database residing on the ~~manufacture's~~ manufacturer's computing platform 12.

Please amend paragraph 19, pages 2—8, as follows:

[0019] Forecasting parameters may be used by the vehicle manufacturer to manage the calculation of demand forecast 44. For instance, the manufacturer may define conditions by which the demand forecast calculation is bypassed for a particular part. In ~~either~~ another instance, the manufacturer may specify the number of periods for which a parameter override is valid, the weekly average demand criteria for particular part categories, a percent value which can be used to scale the weekly demand forecast, allowable fluctuations in demand in order to remove aberrations, and/or the number of consecutive times demand may trip filter limits before an override is implemented. It is envisioned that other forecasting parameters may be implemented which impact the calculation of forecast demand. Forecasting parameters are evaluated and applied 46 during the forecasting process.